

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 4:30 pm in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chair Erickson, Duane Pierce, Jerry Polus, Ed Koslowski, Ken Corry, Joan Brusky
EXCUSED: Kerry Metoxen, Louise Dahlke

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 4:30 pm.

2. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Ed Koslowski, seconded by Joan Brusky to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. Approve/Modify Minutes of July 17, 2018.

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Ed Koslowski to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Budget Status Financial Report – June, 2018.

No action taken.

5. Update re: Honor Rewards Program.

CVSO Jerry Polus did not have any update on this program; however, he informed there will be a representative of the Register of Deeds Office present at the Fair to sign veterans up for the program.

6. Discussion re: 2018 Veterans' Appreciation Day at the Brown County Fair.

a. Finalization of program agenda and other details.

Polus provided a copy of the proposed agenda. Erickson said he asked a number of different Reserve and National Guard units if they had anyone available to speak at the event, however, he did not receive any responses. He said he will give the welcome and County Executive Troy Streckenbach will also be on hand to speak. At this time there is no one scheduled to do the posting of the colors and a few solutions to this were discussed. The group was hopeful they would be able to find someone to post the colors as well as do the laying of the wreath and echo taps. It was indicated that Jim Haskins is planning to attend and help out and Rick Schadewald will hopefully be there as well to help people get signed up for certificates.

Ken Corry was excused at 4:43.

7. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus.

Polus did not have anything to report other than what was discussed above.

8. Report from Committee Members present (Erickson, Brusky, Corry, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Metoxen, Pierce).

-Erickson informed he received a call earlier in the day from Home Depot who offered a gas grill for one of the prizes at the Fair. He has the grill in his possession and will get it to the Fair. He also informed he received a call recently from KI indicating they wished to donate \$1,000 to the Flight of Champions Honor Flight being held in November. Erickson continued that he has contacted all local TV stations regarding the Fair and all have indicated they will be doing interviews with him regarding Military Appreciation Day. Polus added that he will be doing an interview with Kevin Rompa on Thursday to talk about the Fair. Erickson concluded by talking about the NE Wisconsin Veterans Memorial which is to be built across the street from Rivers Bend in Howard. To date, \$170,000 has been raised for the memorial which was originally designed by John Walschinski, a former member of this Subcommittee. Erickson read an article that indicated there is a new design for the memorial. The new design was made by a St. Norbert College professor and is intended to make the memorial more educational and interactive than the original design. This new design would include a central monument, reflecting pool, education center and an open air amphitheater as well as an eternal flame, nature observation deck, gazebo and several individual conflict memorial sites, each devoted to a specific war. The cost of this plan is unclear, but a fundraising goal of \$1 million dollars plus has been set. The next step in the process would be for the board to review the concept and the Village of Howard engineering department to come up with the cost of the concept.

-Brusky talked about the process of distributing door prizes at the Fair. She said last year it felt a little awkward with numbers being drawn in one area and then the prizes being given out in a different area. She has been thinking of ways to do this differently to make it flow a little better and suggested that the numbers be pulled during the time the ceremony is going on and then attached to a specific prize so when they numbers are called off, the person could just come forward and get the prize attached to the ticket. She suggested having several people giving out the prizes, each being responsible for a dozen or so with a board showing the ticket numbers. Tickets for the larger prizes would be drawn first so everyone has a chance to win those. Erickson said he did not think it was necessary to pull the numbers ahead of time, but Brusky felt it would be easier to have it all done as well as being easier for those coming up to get the prizes. The prize process was discussed and most of the group felt there was not a problem with the current process. Brusky noted there are veterans who either do not hear the numbers or miss the numbers and it would be helpful to have the numbers posted to make it easier and more organized. She also said she would like to see more people get prizes and suggested that perhaps fewer items be put in each bag. She received donations from the NEW Zoo, Neville Public Museum, Green Bay Community Theater, Betty Durocher, The Automobile Gallery, YMCA, Heritage Hill, Village Grill, Railroad Museum and Botanical Gardens.

-Koslowski said we should be putting up a thank you board for the sponsors of the event and those who have donated prizes. He will bring a piece of poster board with him to do this. He also said he has been out to the Fair a few times already and the only issue they have at this time is that the porta pottys are in the wrong spot, but this happens every year and they always move them. Brusky felt the thank you board should be done before the Fair so it can be posted as soon as the event starts.

-Pierce reminded the group about the travelling wall coming to Crivitz over Labor Day Weekend. There will be an opening ceremony and a closing ceremony and the wall will be available for viewing 24 hours a day while it is in town and he encouraged people to go see the wall if they are able.

9. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. *None.*

10. Adjourn.

Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Duane Pierce to adjourn at 5:08 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Administrative Specialist